(74)

LEE ELMER E 09/29 82 072307 PRINTER: LI
81 SAN SALVADOR 7328
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 01 SAN SA 07328 01 OF 02 301829Z
ACTION ARA-16
INFO OCT-01 AIS-00 AID-07 INR-10 SS-15 CIC-02 CIAE-00
ICA-15 H-01 IO-15 NSC-05 NSAE-00 SY-05 HA 05
L-03 IESE-00 PM-00 PA-02 MCT-02 OMB-01 SAL-01
ANAE-00 SP-02 SPRS-02 /120 W
----------316213 0105582 /15

R 3014512 SEP 81
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5865
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
AMEMBASSY MEXICO
AMEMBASSY PANAMA
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
USCINCSO QUARRY HTS PAN//INTAFF
USUN NEW YORK
DIA WASHDC
UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 SAN SALVADOR 7328
E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: PINS PINT ES
SUBJECT: VIOLENCE WEEK IN REVIEW: SEPTEMBER 18-25
REF: SAN SALVADOR 7163

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY FS DATE 10/04/82
RDS ☐ or XDS ☐ EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED ☐ RELEASABLE ☒
RELEASE DENIED ☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS

1. SUMMARY: FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK REPORTED MURDERS IN EL SALVADOR WERE DOWN (I.E. LESS THAN 100). APPROXIMATELY 70 PERSONS FELL VICTIM TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WEEK IN QUESTION. INCLUDED IN THIS FIGURE IS THE SLAUGHTER BY UNKNOWN PARTIES AND IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS OF TWO FAMILIES, EACH OF SIX MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, A FURTHER 17 PERSONS WERE KIDNAPPED OR DISSAPEARED. TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE ALSO DOWN SLIGHTLY WITH 19 SUCH ACTIONS REPORTED. RADIO VENCEREMOS, HOWEVER, REGISTERED ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FOR TERRORIST ACHIEVE-
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 02 SAN SA 07328 01 OF 02 301829Z
MENT. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS AND DISSAPEARENCES. AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 70 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN THE VIOLENCE WHICH AFFLICTS THIS COUNTRY. THIS WAS COMPLEMENTED BY THE PUBLICLY REPORTED DEATH IN ACTION OF 7 MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES AND BY THE DISSAPEARANCES OF A FURTHER 17 PERSONS. OF THE 70 DEAD, 6 WERE REPORTED HAVING BEEN KILLED BY LEFTIST, WHILE THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 64 PERSONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. SIMILARLY, THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE 17 DISSAPEARANCES REMAIN UNKNOWN. A BREAKDOWN OF THE PERSONS KILLED ACCORDING TO OCCUPATION YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2 MERCHANTS
3 EMPLOYEES
4 LABORERS
1 FORMER CITY POLICEMAN
4 STUDENTS
4CAMPESINOS

1 DRESSMAKER	1 ADMINISTRATOR
1 TAILOR	1 RADIO ANNOUNCER
1 CATTLE HERDER	1 DRIVER
3 FARMERS	1 OFF-DUTY SOLDIER
1 CIVIL DEFENSE GUARD	40 UNKNOWN
1 MECHANIC	
	72 TOTAL

A BREAKDOWN OF THOSE MURDERED ACCORDING TO AGE YIELDS THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

A. AGE 17 AND UNDER	7
B. AGES 18-25	18
C. AGES 26-35	10
D. AGES 36-50	11
E. AGES 51 AND OVER	4
F. UNKNOWN	20

UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 03 SAN SA 07328 01 OF 02 301829Z
72 TOTAL

3. INCIDENTS:
A. ON 9/18 NEAR SANTA ROSA DE LIMA, SAN MIGUEL, TERRORISTAS WERE REPORTED STOPPING VEHICLES IN ORDER TO COLLECT WAR TAXES THROUGH ROBBERY.
B. ON 9/18 NEAR INTEPUCA, SAN MIGUEL, A SERIES OF BUSES WERE STOPPED BY SUBVERSIVES WHO ENGAGED THEMSELVES IN THE FURTHER COLLECTION OF WAR TAXES.
C. ON 9/19 NEAR LA POSAS, SAN VICENTE, A GROUP OF SOLDIERS DETAILED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF A MASSACRE WHICH TOOK PLACE THERE (REPORTED REFTEL) WERE AMBUSHED BY GUERRILLAS. FOUR SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED.
D. ON 9/20 IN SONSONATE, TWO STRONG FIREFIGHTS WERE REPORTED BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND SECURITY FORCES. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PERSONS WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED.
E. ON 9/20 IN AND NEAR SUCHITOTO, CUSCATLAN, ATACKS ON THE TOWN HOSPITAL, PRISON, AND VARIOUS MILITARY PATROLS WERE REPORTED.
UNCLASSIFIED

LEE PIMER F 09/29/82 #72329 PRINTER: LI
81 SAN SALVADOR 7328
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 01 SAN SA 07328 02 OF 02 301836Z
ACTION ARA-16
INFO OCT-01 AIS-00 AID-07 INR-12 SS-15 OIC-02 CIAE-00
ICA-15 H-01 IO-15 NSC-05 NSAE-00 SY-05 EA 06
I-03 TRSE-00 PM-09 PA-02 MCT-02 CME-01 SAL-01
ANAE-00 SP-02 SPES-02 /120 W
---------- 315232 0105057 /15
R 301451Z SEP 81
FM AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5866
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
AMEMBASSY MEXICO
AMEMBASSY PANAMA
AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA
USCINCSO QUARRY HTS PAN//INTAFF
USUN NEW YORK
DIA WASHDC
UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 SAN SALVADOR 7328
F. ON 9/22 NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN, SAN VICENTE, TWO ELECTRICAL TOWERS WERE FELLED BY DYNAMITE, CUTTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO A LARGE PART OF THE COUNTRY.
G. ON 9/21 NEAR CASSERIO AGUA FRIA, SANTA ANA, TERRORIST BOMBS DESTROYED TWO FURTHER ELECTRICAL TOWERS, LEAVING THE TOWN OF METAPAN WITHOUT POWER.
H. ON 9/21 BETWEEN VILLA DOLORES AND SENSUNTEPEQUE, CABANAS, TERRORIST MACHINE GUNNED A BUS, FORCING IT TO STOP. THE TERRORIST THEN PROCEEDED TO ROB THE PASSENGERS OF MONEY AND BELONGINGS. TWO PASSENGERS WERE WOUNDED BY GUNFIRE, WHILE THE BUS DRIVER HAD HIS RIGHT HAND CUT OFF BY THE ATTACKERS SO THAT "HE WONT CONTINUE WORKING".
I. ON 9/22 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB DESTROYED THE OFFICES OF A LOCAL BANK.
J. ON 9/22 IN THE CAPITAL SUBURB OF MEJICANOS A BOMB WAS
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 02 SAN SA 07328 02 OF 02 301836Z
DETONATED IN AN ELECTRICAL GOODS STORE AND THE LOCAL COMMAND POST WAS ATTACKED. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.
K. ON 9/22 NEAR SAN ISIDRO, CABANAS, A SERIES OF ELECTRICAL POST WERE DOWNED BY TERRORIST LEAVING MUCH OF THE DEPARTMENT WITHOUT POWER.
L. ON 9/23 THE HACIENDA "EL PANAL" WAS ATTACKED BY TERRORIST WHO RETREATED UPON REPULSE BY THE CIVIL GUARDMEN AND WORKER GUARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT.
M. ON 9/23 NEAR CANTON SANTA CLAYA, CABANAS AN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND NATIONAL GUARDSMEN LEFT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.
N. ON 9/23 NEAR CINCUERA, CABANAS, A NATIONAL GUARD
UNCLASSIFIED PAGE 3

LEE ELMER E 09/29.82 072310 PRINTER: LI
81 SAN SALVADOR 7328
UNCLASSIFIED
CONVOY WAS ATTACKED FOUR TIMES WHILE TRANSPORTING FOOD TO CINQUERA. NO REPORTS OF CASUALTIES.
O. ON 9/24 THE TOWN OF NUEVO EDEN DE SAN JUAN, SAN MIGUEL, WAS UNSUCCESSFULLY THOUGH AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF DEFENDERS WERE CAPTURED WERE CAPTURED AND THEN KILLED.
P. ON 9/24 THE TOWN OF SANTA MARIA, USULUTAN, WAS ATTACKED BY A GROUP OF TERRORIST WHO BURNED THE CITY HALL.
R. ON 9/25 IN SAN SALVADOR A BOMB SEVERELY DAMAGED A COMMERCIAL BUILDING.
4. CREDIT AND BLAME:
THE CLANDESTINE RADIO VENCEREMOS REPORTED ON AND CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE FMLN TERRORIST ACHIEVENT REPORTED LAST WEEK (SEE REFTEL, ITEM I). IN ADDITION RADIO VENCEREMOS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS NOT REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS:
1. A 9/15 ATTACK ON THE GARRISON OF SAN LORENZO, SAN VICENTE
2. A 9/15 ATTACK WHICH DAMAGED AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION TOWER IN SAN CAYETANO, SAN VICENTE.
3. A ONE AND A HALF HOUR BATTLE WITH GOVERMENT FORCES
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED
PAGE 03 SAN SA 07328 02 OF 02 301836Z
NEAR LA SELVA, MORAZAN
4. A 9/20 ATTACK ON AN ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION IN SAN MIGUEL
5. THE 9/22 OCCUPATION BY FMLS TROOPS OF HACIENDA "LA MASCOTA" SAN MIGUEL, WHERE A MEETING WAS SUPPORTEDLY HELD.
RADIO VENCEREMOS ALSO BLAMED THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR THE DEATH LAST WEEK OF TWO CAPTURED MEMBERS OF THE "MOVIMIENTO DE LIBERACION POPULAR" (MLP) (SEE REFTEL PARA 5.) THE GUERRILLAS SOURCE DECLARED THAT NATIONAL GUARDMEN DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES HAD SIMULATED AN ATTACK ON THE VEHICLES CONVEYING THE TWO DETAINEES IN ORDER TO CONCEAL THEIR MURDERS.
BLEASLEY
UNCLASSIFIED